--- Series of 1880-81 - TABAC CANADIEN / EN TORQUETTE - Sorel Division [E 53] ---

--- lithographed in green ink - 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- Inscribed NE DOIT PAS COUVRIR PLUS / **de 1/2 lb.** and as - *Ainci Roy* / ***Percepteur*** **---**

Chris Ryan reports that *Ainci Roy* was Collector at Sorel in 1881.

Chris Ryan also reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter" of March 2003, that in anticipation of the Act of 1883 the Revenue Department, on January 13th 1883, instructed BABN not to print any new supplies of the soon to be supplanted 1880-81 strips, unless specially authorized to do so. On July 1st 1883 the Department declared that the 1/20th, 1/10th and 2 pound green strips were *obsolete*. Subsequently BABN overprinted their obsolete strips to new denominations.

The catalogue lists the 1/2 pound, green, TABAC CANADIEN Sorel Division "E 53" strip as follows:

RT-106 - 1/2 pound, green, *coarse roulette*, Sorel - E 53, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls
RT-106a - 1/2 pound, green, *coarse roulette*, Sorel - E 53, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - **WANTED!**
RT-106b - 1/2 pound, green, *coarse roulette*, Sorel - E 53, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls, stamped **Joliette / CANCELLED** in purple ink

Copy **057766**, in the listings, while apparently *unwatermarked*, is on vertical mesh wove paper, and has simply missed the *block watermark* on the sheet. Does a ***truly*** *unwatermarked* copy of **RT-106a** (on horizontal mesh wove) actually exist?

--- RT-106b - 1/2 pound - *coarse roulette* - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

--- stamped Joliette / CANCELLED in purple ink ---

Chris Ryan's research indicates that the Joliette Division was absorbed into Terrebonne on January 1st 1870, and was re-constituted as a separate Division on January 1st 1880. Thus these initial **Joliette, / CANCELLED** hand stamps on a wide variety of "City Code" strips were 1880 *provisional* strips for the re-constituted "Joliette" Division.

RT-106b - 1/2 pound, green, coarse roulette, TABAC CANADIEN, Sorel Division **"E 53"**, control number **002506**, Lithographed on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - stamped **Joliette / CANCELLED** in purple ink

002506★ RT-106b 1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh, stamped **Joliette, / CANCELLED** in purple

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--- RT-106 - 1/2 pound - *coarse roulette* - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove -

RT-106 - 1/2 pound, green, *coarse roulette*, TABAC CANADIEN, Sorel Division **"E 53"**, control number **090753**, Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

046929	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
057694	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
057711	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
057766★	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh, missed the sheet block watermark
060799	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
060802	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090233	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090281-90★	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh - sheet of ten
090301	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090303	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090305	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090306	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090307	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090308	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090310	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090312	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090321	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090322	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090323	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090342	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090742	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090753★	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090756★	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090757	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090759	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090813	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh
090861	RT-106	1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh

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